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The Weekly Newspaper of the U-M Lawyers Club

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS FOR LAST TIME THIS TERM

Last Tuesday was the last B. of D. meeting of the year. Twelve men, tried and true, sat around the "King Arthur" table in the Law Club. As they sucked and chewed on their tootsie-roll pops and cigars, they decided the issues of the Club.

Dear reader, you may not believe that emotions can flare about the managership of the bookstore, but so it was. Indeed, it resembled a quietly frenzied Contracts class.

Remember the good old fraternity house-meeting? Here it was, but the men were older, wiser, and had more responsibilities. According to the President of the Board, "Occasionally, we do lapse into lunacy around here". But the lapses are momentary, and are caused by individualistic members, representing an individualistic community, asserting their own distinct points of view.

Next year, go to the meetings, support the Board, your Board, because we feel that this is the best board that this Law School ever had.

LEGAL AID COURT APPEARANCES

On April 2, Lou Beer successfully resisted the Prosecutor's motion to wave his client from Juvenile to Circuit Court. On April 5, Steve Kikoler appeared in an attempt to modify a divorce judgment to increase support payments, and Bob Bates brought a similar motion in a pre-trial conference. Sally Staebler presents motions ancillary to a divorce.

RIOTS PANEL URGES EXPANDED LSP

The recent report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders has underscored the importance of bringing legal services to poor people. It called for a substantial expansion of the OEO Legal Services Program. The commission found that conflicts between ghetto residents and white landlords and merchants were the source of some of the most intense grievances underlying last summer's riots. Litigation and legal representation are very important contributions lawyers can make to the situation.

The commission called on law schools to further develop programs in which law students could provide legal assistance to the poor as a part of their education.

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Along these same lines, President Johnson, in a Message to Congress, proposed legislation to prevent the retaliatory eviction of tenants who report housing code violations. The Neighborhood Legal Services Project in Washington D.C. has a case pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals, in which it challenges the constitutionality of such a retaliatory eviction. The case was started in 1965.

ABA BOOKLET FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

Fifty-six federal agencies will have openings for more than 2000 law graduates during the next 18 months, according to the ABA's annual survey of Federal Government Job Opportunities For Young Attorneys. Its report, in the form of a 144 page booklet, is available at \$2 a copy. Contact Sam Tsoutanis, the ABA Law Student Representative here.

For a new law school grad, the pay is \$6700, and \$8050 if in the upper half of the class. With one year of legal experience, the pay begins at \$9650.

LAW STUDENTS SPEAK OUT : RANDOM GRIPES

Twenty law students, chosen at random from those in the library on a weekday evening, were given the opportunity to air their gripes. Those comments making reference to the food served in the Lawyers' Club as well as to the lighting in the library, because of the great frequency with which they were given, are omitted here.

The most frequent response was about the research facilities in the library. Five students mentioned this; too often books are missing from the shelves for several reasons; students are negligent in reshelving, students sometimes intentionally do not reshelve them, and too many find their almost permanent way into the law review carrels. This goes for hornbooks near exam time, and regional and state reporters during P & R time.

The next most frequent gripe was the lack of courses dealing with the practical aspects of law. Too much emphasis, it is argued, is placed on theory. A couple of students also mentioned that there is not enough emphasis placed on social problems with which this country is faced.

There was considerable concern expressed over the placement facilities. Several felt placement here is "oriented toward the big city lawyer, with little provision made for those who are looking for opportunities in smaller towns, like 50,000-100,000 population".

Another frequent objection is that there is no "dead Week" before examinations, so that there might be sufficient opportunity to review to learn "permanently" rather than just cramming for exams.

Several general complaints were made as to the actual teaching of courses in the school. The methods for teaching proper use of the library facilities are very poor. One student noted that the Socratic method, after the first year lacks the spark it has at the start. One insists that there is a grave lack of contact between the faculty and individual students, and most asked about this greed, but they feel the situation cannot be corrected solely through the teachers' initiative.

Finally, and mostly, it was urged that the case method is a waste of time, that more teaching should be done, and with less emphasis on catching students unprepared.

Everyone felt it would be nice if next year the clocks were on time, and that there be no Saturday classes (and why 8 o'clocks?), and that the bulletin board in Hutchins be organized by day and date.

Do you agree that the semesters are too long? that someone ought to change the heating system so that it puts out heat in the winter and cold in the summer? That freshman classes should be in smaller sections? Your comments on these comments will be appreciated and readily published.

QUICKIE EDITORIAL: A PLAINTIVE PLEA

Another semester of briefing (or not briefing) cases is about to come to a tedious close. Res Gestae wonders if all the dicta is really necessary in the development of a concise, disciplined legal mind. There must be a better way.

REFLECTIONS IN A CREASE-TAL BALL

The Crease Ball was, as always, a staggering success. Many heard the trumpet solo, many heard the reading of Casey At The Bat, Annotated. And it is true that a good drunk was had by all (her name will not be here revealed). But many of those present, and of course all those who were absent, missed some of the more fantastic sidelights. So, we bring you the images we have seen, in our creasetal ball.

Some surprisingly rational answers to national problems were presented. A new plan to end the rift in the Democratic Party was volunteered by Prof. Plant (who would like to end his own rift with the AAU); RFK would be asked to walk from Hyannis Port, Mass. to Monrovia, Missouri on his knees, holding a written apology to McCarthy in his teeth. If he agreed to.....

And Y. Kamisar thought up a new plan to end poverty in America. A government gift of \$50,000 to each man, woman and child in the country would be made before the end of the present fiscal year. If, without undue strain on the nation's resources, the necessary sum could be.... Lastly, intoxicated beyond belief, P.D. Carrington had a new plan to wipe out mosquitoes. All species can be totally eliminated, he said, by means of a simple and painless operation on the thigh muscles of each individual insect.....

Dean Allen, famed Polish adulterer and wit, announced that the Law School will open a branch in Saigon next August, to permit many of the present first year students, as well as some entering students, to continue their studies without interruption.

Prof. Kauber, standing on a chair, facing the wall, shouted, "I've got everything a woman could want, so why am I a man?"

Prof. Hawkins, spoke for three hours on "The Top Ten and Bottom Fifty Burning Negligence Issues Of Our Time".

Debbie "Goodie-Two Shoes" Millenson, from her extensive professional background, spoke on "Peace In Our Time".

After the Ball, Roy Steinheimer was thrown, fully clothed, into the Huron, breaking only two ribs. Reporters from the Decennial Digest, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who were the only members of the press to reply to the invitations, immediately ran for their cameras, but were informed by Rog Cunningham that this was contrary to more regulations than it was possible to mention, whereupon they went home.

Speaking of home, Prof. Kimball was mobbed by a screaming horde of fans, made up of his wife and daughter, both of whom shrieked and fainted.

THE LAW CLUB AFFAIR

At the root of the crisis were the drunken insults made in the early hours Saturday. The Dean was asleep on the Coke machine, and didn't notice what was happening.

The Dregs, in entry D, applied pressure by giving cuts in Saturday's lunch line. The Neb-ashes, in N, retaliated by turning on the faucets in D. The Dregs, unused to water, fled in terror. A holocaust was imminent.

The Board of Directors was forced to make a decision, and so supported both sides. Governor Romney acted immediately, and went on vacation. The federal government activated 430,000 reservists. Russia warned that any attempt by either side at self-defense would bring obliteration. Red China vowed to destroy the Russians for their mild language. De Gaulle moved the entire French navy into a land-locked sea, scoring a technological triumph, and scoring two points.

The crisis dissolved as suddenly as it had begun. U.S. bombers defoliated the lawn. Freedom, said the President, could not be achieved without some destruction.

"DICKY JOE" JULIN EXPOSED AS PUBLICITY HOUND

One of the last and least effects of the Crease Ball was the exposure of Joseph "Dicky" Julin, as a man with a compulsion to be in the public eye. We found him at the Ball, telling people about his plan to climb Angell Hall (he believed it was Pike's Peak).

We interviewed him just before the ascent, and found out that this was not the first time he had attempted to gain public recognition. He has been seen waving from innumerable televised horse-races. He also claims to have been among the crowds at the last Coronation, the sinking of the Andrea Doria, Elvis Presley's discharge and the opening of the Romney-for-President headquarters in Butte, Montana.

Three weeks ago, in a move for peace, he announced that he was thinking of changing sex, unless the Government did something about Viet Nam.

Upon receiving absolutely no interest about his anticipated climb, Prof. Julin retired into a corner, mumbling.

We decided to keep our eye on the professor, and followed him this week. On last Monday, his controversial "Viva Louisiana Libre!" speech passed entirely unnoticed in the pet department of Kresge's. On Tuesday, his announcement to the press that he was going to marry Nixon's daughter, or, failing that, Zazu Pitts, went unpublished in the Ann Arbor News, although the Daily printed it in the Help Wanted column. On Wednesday, again highly intoxicated, he began a cross-campus solo foxtrot race, dancing with a household mop named Marcy, and accompanied Gail Storm singing "Shine On Harvest Moon" on a handwound Victrola, towed behind him on an American Flyer tricycle.

He saw, through the fog which surrounded him, a TV camera focusing on him, its bright red light shining through the veil. Delirious with 80-proof joy, he staggered towards it, when the light on the camera inexplicably turned to green, and a campus bus loomed up out of nowhere. Swerving to avoid him, it careened into four hippies, two yuppies and a lion in front of the museum.

Charged with disturbing the peace and dancing without due care and attention, Prof. Julin was taken into custody and forced to remove his false eyelashes, necklace of bells, asters in his hair, his "I can't get enough of it" button, and to change from his see-through-mini-trousers. He was remanded for a psychiatrist's report.

VENDING MACHINES RAIDED BY POLICE: STUDENTS SEIZED

In a pre-dawn raid last Friday morning, a contingent of fifteen burly members of the Ann Arbor Police Department's Special Forces squad sealed off the Law Club Lounge, and the Lunchroom.

Although it had been an open secret that the areas had been the center of a University-wide gambling ring, this was the first public disclosure of the fact.

The police immediately confiscated the vending machines, as illegal gambling devices. Eleven students, ten from the Law School, were arrested. Prof. Cooperrider was quoted as saying that "This could never happen at a Gentleman's Law School". Dean Allen was unavailable, as usual, for comment. Prof. Harris stated that he saw no reason for the raid; "If the Church can allow bingo, why can't law schools allow percentage-payoff vending machines". Prof. Jackson declared that he was only programmed for the U.C.C. and could not comment. Prof. Pooley was arrested by the police for failure to answer questions.

Several students questioned felt that the faculty could be implicated in the caper. As one student said, "Everyone knows that no one would teach here for the salary alone. They all must have a percentage take on the machines".

WEEKENDER

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner is at the Fox Village.

Closely Watched Trains is at the Vth Forum

The Party is at the State Theater. Elvira Madigan is leaving.

The Secret War of Harry Frigg is beginning this week at the Michigan. Paul Newman is in the Army in WW II (the big one). His disdain for officers earns him a number of trips to the stockade. He soon masters the techniques of escape, and soon is being punished more for escaping than for the original infractions. Meanwhile, five brigadier generals relaxing in a steam bath are taken prisoners by the Italians. They are assigned quarters in the home of widowed countess Sylva Koscina, who moves from the main house to the gate house. The five have every intention to escape, but they refuse to have anyone of equal rank take over as leader.

Back at HQ, a plan is made for their escape. Newman, an expert in that field, is sent for, and is made a two-star general so that he will out-rank the five prisoners. Eventually he accomplishes the inevitable end, but not before some activity, including the also inevitable love. If one is prepared to take this tale of generals in captivity during WW II with a grain of salt, fun can be had by all viewers. A smooth Newman leads the comic way, and supported well by the others in the cast, there's a gentle high humor from start to finish.

The Fox is opening at the Campus. This is a modernized version of D.H. Lawrence's novella about a man's destruction of a tacit lesbian love affair. The ladies are clear caught up in a homosexual relationship, although Sandy Dennis seems blissfully unaware that there is anything unusual about sleeping in Anne Heywood's bed, (and all that goes with that). Miss Heywood's situation is spelled out as clearly as AC-DC, with an onanistic added as a study aid.

Lawrence's chicken farm has been relocated without harm from England to Canada. The photography of the magnificent scenery is superb, complimenting fine performances by Miss Heywood and Keir Dullea as the scheming stranger who takes her away from it all, portrayed as the counterpart to the fox running rampant through the poultry.

On TV this weekend, Joan of Arc is on Friday night, in which Ingrid Bergman stars as the Maid of Orleans -- for which she received an Oscar nomination. This 1948 movie is a handsome spectacle, replete with finely detailed 15th Century settings and costumes. Jose Ferrer made his movie debut as the spineless Dauphin. Nominated for seven Oscars, the film won two.

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Cinema Guild this weekend has Howard Hawkes' To Have and To Have Not, at 7 and 9 in the Architecte Auditorium, and Rene Clair's Last Millionaire same time, same place, on Saturday and Sunday.

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